

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-24 and 60-71 were examined in the present application. Claims 13-19, 21-24, 60-66, 69 and 71 were rejected in the Office Action. Claims 20, 67, 68 and 70 were objected to. Claims 20, 67, 68 and 70 have been amended. Claims 1-19, 21-66, 69 and 71 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Re-examination and reconsideration of the pending claims as amended are respectfully requested.

#### Claim Objections

Claims 68 and 69 were objected to as depending on canceled claim 1. Claim 68 has been amended to include the limitations of independent base claim 13 and intervening claim 21. Claim 69 has been canceled.

#### Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 13-19, 21-24, 60-66, 69 and 71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huebsch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,117,159) in view of Laufer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,810,847). In order to expedite prosecution, claims 13-19, 21-24, 60-66, 69 and 71 have been canceled without prejudice to refiling in a subsequent application.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note that page 5 of the Office Action states claims 18, 67, 68 and 70 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Based on the contents of the Office Action and the Office Action Summary, and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants believe that the Examiner meant to indicate that claims 20, 67, 68 and 70 were objected to.

Therefore, claims 20, 67, 68 and 70 have been amended. Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of intervening claims 14, 17, 18 and base claim 13. Claim 67

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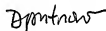
has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 60. Claim 68 has been amended to include the limitations of intervening claim 21 and base claim 13. Claim 70 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 60.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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